

Executive Action Briefing Methamphetamine Task Force

RECOMMENDATION 1: The single point of contact that orchestrates statewide planning and delivery of services specific to methamphetamine will report to the Governor and establish a clearing house to disseminate information and evidence-based solutions to prevent, intervene with, and treat methamphetamine use.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: The Director of the Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy will report to the Governor and assume responsibility for coordinating all substance abuse services and policy for the State of Arizona.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Director will ensure the coordination of prevention, treatment and enforcement activities to most efficiently drive related policy and programs in the state.
- ✓ The Director or appointed staff will provide meaningful participation to relevant work groups and organizations at the local, state and federal levels to promote coordination.
- ✓ The Director will research and implement new and innovative strategies based on best practices from other states and will provide expertise to other states and agencies/organizations as appropriate.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, State Epidemiology Workgroup.

Action Step B: Create a central clearinghouse to share best practices; disseminate information on evidence-based prevention, intervention and treatment options; provide grassroots strategic direction to the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP); provide strategic outreach and support for rural communities and local substance abuse coalitions.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ ASAP will create a Community Advisory Board to bring community level issues and representation to ASAP.
- ✓ The Epidemiology Work Group will provide updates on substance abuse data and emerging trends to ASAP and the Methamphetamine Task Force in order to inform their strategic focus areas and policy.
- ✓ The Division will implement the state action plan for addressing the needs of critical populations as derived at *Methamphetamine: The National Summit* through coordination with relevant agencies.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, State Epidemiology Workgroup.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Promote the use of evidence-based media campaigns to reduce the production and use of methamphetamine.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: Conduct a review and evaluation of current state and community media campaigns to determine sponsorship, targets, outcomes and coordination.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Division will facilitate a meeting of representatives from all agencies conducting state-wide media campaigns to examine duplication of effort and to identify media messaging and strategies.
- ✓ The Division will continue to review and evaluate current community and state media campaigns to ascertain outcomes.
- ✓ The Division will conduct ongoing research into national campaigns and their efficacy.
- ✓ The Community Advisory Board will provide updates to ASAP and the Methamphetamine Task Force to keep them apprised of current campaigns in their localities.
- ✓ Following review, the Division will establish criteria for determining effective, research-based awareness campaign(s) and provide guidance to ASAP in order to make decisions on the appropriate use of state agency funding for media campaigns.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, the Attorney General's Office and Coalition Representative from Community Advisory Board.

Action Step B: Provide community substance abuse coalitions with media strategies and tools to enhance capacity to communicate the dangers and harms of methamphetamine use through media campaign(s).

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Division will provide coalitions with the tools provided by SAMHSA's anti-methamphetamine campaign.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, the Attorney General's Office and Coalition Representative from Community Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Identify and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to prevent high-risk populations from using methamphetamine.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: Sustain and continue to build capacity of substance abuse coalitions, schools and prevention service providers throughout the state to implement cost effective evidence-based prevention strategies.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ ADHS will monitor Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant provider involvement in community substance abuse prevention coalitions.
- ✓ ADHS will monitor RBHA completion of regional needs assessments and substance abuse prevention plans.
- ✓ The Division, ADHS, ADE, and the workforce development committee will increase the use of webinar technology to provide training in evidence based prevention strategies for school and community based methamphetamine initiatives.
- ✓ Develop training for prevention of substance abuse within the LGBT community.
- ✓ Provide developed training in culturally competent prevention strategies targeting LGBT populations.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Department of Health Services, Department of Education, and Workforce Development Committee.

Action Step B: Identify successful community-based strategies and create a menu of program, policy and success stories that will allow communities to replicate as appropriate.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Division will create an Arizona Specific resource guide on evidence based prevention practices for community coalitions and update quarterly, with input from relevant agencies.
- ✓ The Division will continue to update the Meth Task Force on current prevention practices to inform policy and decision-making.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy and relevant local and State agencies.

Action Step C: Utilize data and recommendations from the Substance Abuse Treatment Services Capacity Report and GIS technology to determine areas of high prevalence and/or high risk/low protective factors and target prevention and treatment resources to these identified state and community hot-spots.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group will provide ADHS and GOCYF with assistance in identifying counties and community health analysis areas (CHAAs) with high methamphetamine use ("methamphetamine hot spots").

- ✓ The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group will create a map showing changes in youth methamphetamine use over time by CHAAs.
- ✓ ADHS and GOCYF will collect data on areas served by community anti-drug coalitions actively involved in methamphetamine prevention.
- ✓ The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group will use the information on changes in youth methamphetamine use and areas served by community anti-drug coalitions to create a pictorial gap analysis of prevalence and capacity for methamphetamine prevention.
- ✓ ADHS and GOCYF will target technical assistance resources to communities that have a need for more prevention resources identified as methamphetamine “hot spots”.
- ✓ GOCYF will meet with ADHS staff to discuss how to create a pictorial gap analysis of prevalence and capacity for treatment services specific to methamphetamine.

Responsible Agency:

Governor’s Division for Substance Abuse Policy, State Epidemiology Work Group, and Department of Health Services.

Action Step D: Facilitate community input into statewide planning for methamphetamine prevention.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ ASAP will convene a Community Advisory Board to advise the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership and subcommittees on policy and ensure data driven decision making.
- ✓ The Division will provide quarterly updates to the Meth Task Force on current methamphetamine prevention activities and policies.
- ✓ The Division, ADHS, and the Community Advisory Board will convene a bi-annual ad-hoc meeting of substance abuse coalition leaders.

Responsible Agency:

Governor’s Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, and Department of Health Services.

Action Step E: Identify and intervene in methamphetamine addiction as early as possible.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ ADE and ADHS will develop a screening, resource, and referral guide to distribute statewide to gatekeepers.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona Department of Education and Department of Health Services.

RECOMMENDATION 4: Enhance and monitor the coordination and collaboration of treatment services for adult and juvenile methamphetamine-related offenders and develop a framework to improve access to substance abuse treatment.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: Bi-monthly meetings will be conducted between the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) for the purpose of identifying services and progress made in treatment service delivery among participating agencies. Participants will provide a quarterly report on case management strategies that involve drug involved families.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Anti-Methamphetamine Program Administrator to coordinate with the workgroup for meeting time and space.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families – Division for Substance Abuse Policy (GOCYF-DSAP)

Action Step B: Continue to expand services for drug courts (including family drug courts) and mental health courts throughout the state.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Create drug courts in areas of the state where they do not exist.
- ✓ Utilize the Access to Recovery grant to expand services currently provided through the drug court for methamphetamine clients in consultation with ADHS- Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS).
- ✓ Conduct a review of current services provided through drug courts for methamphetamine clients.
- ✓ Include the Arizona Department of Corrections on the working group.
- ✓ ADHS/DBHS and its justice partners will jointly develop a guidance document for substance abuse treatment providers that will inform treatment providers of effective treatment program elements when treating youth and adults referred from the probation and parole systems.
- ✓ AOC and ADJC will work to determine effective program elements using the Correctional Program Checklist and the SPEP.
- ✓ ADHS/DBHS will determine the feasibility to provide practice protocol formats specific to substance abuse and justice-involved individuals.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC), Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (DHS/DBHS) and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Action Step C: Create and fund treatment alternatives to incarceration.
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Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Expanding the ATR (Access to Recovery) grant to reach additional county drug courts.
- ✓ Enhance collaboration efforts between AOC, County Adult/Juvenile Probation Departments, DBHS, and RBHAs in an effort to develop strategies and/or best practices that would provide opportunities for alternatives to incarceration.
- ✓ Review/ Revise Arizona Families First statute to prioritize children whose parents are involved in the program.
- ✓ Conduct a review of how SAPT funds are used within the RBHA's (to be undertaken by ADHS/DBHS).
- ✓ DBHS will monitor the increase of direct support services to maintain children in their communities.

Responsible Agency:

GOCYF-DSAP, ADHS/DBHS, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), AOC and ADES

Action Step D: Ensure that adults and juveniles have access to reentry treatment services for methamphetamine once released from county jails, tribal jails and state prisons.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ DBHS Office of Interagency Services to review RBHA collaboration protocols with ADJC to ensure that access to re-entry services are addressed and that these protocols are done jointly with ADJC.
- ✓ DBHS Office of Interagency Services will work jointly with ADJC to develop a work plan to improve transition from correctional institutions to needed community behavioral health services.
- ✓ Direct RBHA's to support the coordination of treatment services upon reentry into community for youth and adults needing treatment for methamphetamine abuse/dependence.
- ✓ Review assessment tools utilized by county, tribal jails, detention centers and state prisons to determine if RBHA's could use these assessments to prevent delay of treatment services upon release.
- ✓ Determine the feasibility of using the Health e-Arizona system with institutions or co-locating an ADES eligibility worker within county, tribal jails, detention centers and state prisons to reduce delay in determining AHCCCS availability.
- ✓ Prioritize and ensure that youth and adults pre-approved for AHCCCS upon release are set up for services through RBHA's prior to reentry to community.
- ✓ Conduct a review of current practice for technical violations of youth in the Department of Juvenile Corrections.
- ✓ Review treatment needs & gaps to rural & tribal communities and prioritize network development to address identified gaps.
- ✓ Conduct a review of new grant opportunities that could support the expansion Treatment services in rural and tribal communities.

Responsible Agency:

ADHS/DBHS, AHCCCS, DOC, ADJC, AOC and ADES

Action Step E: Continue to enhance and improve access to family-centered treatment statewide.
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Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Review current RBHA's to ensure family-centered treatment is available statewide.
- ✓ ADJC will increase family involvement for methamphetamine specific families involved in the ADJC system.
- ✓ Expand family drug court model for methamphetamine specific families involved in the ADJC system.
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Responsible Agency:

ADES, ADHS/DBHS and ADJC

RECOMMENDATION 5: Reduce trafficking of methamphetamine and its precursor chemicals through implementation and support of continuous data collection methods to track pseudoephedrine sales and methamphetamine-related arrest information.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: Enhance and increase participation of tribal leadership with the State of Arizona action-plan to coordinate a comprehensive strategy with state and federal partners.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Include the United States Attorneys office on the working group.
- ✓ Convene meetings with Tribal Leadership and community groups to discuss increasing participation
- ✓ Coordinate with Tribal Leadership and community groups to reduce trafficking of methamphetamine and precursor chemicals on tribal lands.
- ✓ Continue to work with Tribal substance abuse coalitions to increase capacity to collect data.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Us Attorney's Office, Department of Public Safety, County sheriffs and city police chiefs, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, and federal, state and tribal governments.

Action Step B: Federal and state law enforcement partners identify specific policy and program needs designed to enhance their efforts to reduced trafficking of methamphetamine and implement appropriate controls on precursor chemicals.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Modify state precursor law to strengthen monitoring, reporting and accountability to assure 100% compliance by all establishments licensed or permitted to sell precursor chemicals.
- ✓ Utilize current available software and state data base to track and monitor sales transaction data of precursor chemicals and develop procedures for dissemination of suspected violator data to law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ Expand retailer participation to report precursor chemical sales by providing web based access to state tracking and monitoring database through a secure portal for entry/download of precursor sales transaction data.
- ✓ Modify state pharmacy rules and regulations to address the method and procedure for recording precursor chemical sales transaction data and submittal of data to law enforcement.

Responsible Agency:

Relevant law enforcement agencies, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force, Attorney General's Office, Arizona Board of Pharmacy and other federal, state and government agencies.

Action Step C: Develop specific strategies that connect community coalitions and community efforts to comprehensive crime and drug prevention at the state and federal level.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Work with the Community Advisory Board to schedule community substance abuse prevention coalition's presentations at all Task Force meetings.
- ✓ Distribute information on successful prevention strategies to implement with law enforcement.

Responsible Agency:

Governor's Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Community Advisory Board, and relevant law enforcement agencies.

Action Step D: Implement the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) in all county jails and detention facilities to collect and analyze arrestee drug use data to provide local communities with an understanding of drug-involved arrests and crimes.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Obtain and assess booking censuses and booking processes for each county.
- ✓ Identify particular issues of interest specific to statewide concerns and specific to each county.
- ✓ Develop statewide data collection and implementation plan - including budget options - appropriate for each county.
- ✓ Secure funding for data collection, management, analysis, and dissemination.
- ✓ Begin data collection.

RECOMMENDATION 6: Expand the reach of Drug Endangered Children Protocols to all communities and tribal governments.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: SAI (through the COPS Office) will facilitate a meeting among the Eight State Methamphetamine Alliance to discuss and enhance member states' DEC legislation, policies, protocols and other issues.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Coordinate with SAI and help facilitate the meeting with Arizona as the host site.
- ✓ Provide resources and information to the other states on the advancements Arizona has made.
- ✓ Following the meeting, review other states' DEC initiatives in order to enhance and improve DEC in Arizona.

Responsible Agency:

GOCYF-DSAP, Attorney General's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, Department of Economic Security, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force and Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

Action Step B: Establish a Statewide DEC Alliance to facilitate policy and program discussions among all Arizona counties and tribal communities.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Re-structure the Arizona DEC Alliance to be under the leadership of GOCYF-DSAP and in line with ASAP priorities.
- ✓ Re-engage members of the Arizona DEC Alliance and seek new membership from counties and communities with active DEC programs.
- ✓ Continually seek grant funding for a dedicated DEC staff position and funding for an independent website (maintenance and development).
- ✓ Continue to provide training and technical assistance to counties and tribal communities statewide.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona DEC Alliance, GOCYF-DSAP, Attorney General's Office, Department of Economic Security, U.S. Attorney's Office, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force and Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

Action Step C: Establish statewide protocols and definitions that enhance or strengthen child abuse definitions to include exposure and use of drugs and methamphetamine specifically.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ The Arizona DEC Alliance will evaluate the current State DEC Protocol and update it to include DEC Level II (non-lab drug environment) cases and other necessary enhancements.
- ✓ Identify changes to Arizona statute to include DEC Level cases.

- ✓ Re-engage and provide assistance and training to counties and tribal communities to ensure that DEC Protocols are updated to include Level II cases and other enhancements.
- ✓ Provide outreach to tribal leadership to adopt DEC related language into tribal code.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona DEC Alliance, GOCYF-DSAP, Attorney General's Office, Department of Economic Security, U.S. Attorney's Office, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force and Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

Action Step D: Establish measurable benchmarks to assess application of protocols and effectiveness of current strategies.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Create an evaluation component for the ongoing county and tribal DEC training program.
- ✓ Meet with DES and law enforcement to determine the baseline number of DEC cases so the Alliance can re-assess the use and determine the efficacy of enhanced protocols and training.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona DEC Alliance, GOCYF-DSAP, Attorney General's Office, Department of Economic Security, U.S. Attorney's Office, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force and Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

Action Step E: Coordinate implementation of recommendation 6 with ASAP Strategic Focus Area on Drug Endangered Children.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Provide outcome reports to ASAP.
- ✓ Provide input into the development of the Strategic Focus Area.

Responsible Agency:

Arizona DEC Alliance, GOCYF-DSAP, Attorney General's Office, Department of Economic Security, U.S. Attorney's Office, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force and Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION 7: Monitor the impact of the Combat Meth Act and other precursor chemical control efforts to assess the need for immediate response systems to clandestine meth lab sites and other methamphetamine-affected properties to reduce the negative impact of methamphetamine.

PRIORITY NEED

Action Step A: Provide quarterly report to the Methamphetamine Task Force on lab seizures and distribution of labs within the State of Arizona.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Submit a report quarterly to the Methamphetamine Task Force on methamphetamine lab sites that have been remediated.
- ✓ Submit a report quarterly to the Methamphetamine Task Force on labs seized.
- ✓ Determine the exact number of seized meth sites by federal, state and local agencies in the State of Arizona.
- ✓ Compare the number of seized lab sites with the site that have been cleaned by an approved Board of Technical Registration contractor.

Responsible Agency:

Board of Technical Registration, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force

Action Step B: Assess the need for incentives to increase the capability of both private and public properties to clean-up labs.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Send letters to crime scene cleanup, asbestos, environmental and restoration contractors to become a Board of Technical Registration contracted provider to perform lab cleanup.
- ✓ Partner with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality the effectiveness of emerging lab remediation technology to reduce the current cost for clean up.
- ✓ Provide updates quarterly to the Task Force on new contractors available for statewide lab clean up, and emerging technology.

Responsible Agency:

Board of Technical Registration and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Action Step C: Identify and research national lab remediation legislation in other states for effectiveness and explore replication for Arizona.

Recommended Strategies:

- ✓ Update A.R.S. §12-1000 to include language revisions suggested by the remediation work group, to enhance current statute.
- ✓ Continue to review national lab remediation legislation and determine whether additional changes would enhance current Arizona legislation.

Responsible Agency:

Board of Technical Registration, Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force, and the Attorney General's Office